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# H. R. 1140

To amend the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to extend energy assistance to households headed by certain senior citizens.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Mr. WEINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to extend energy assistance to households headed by certain senior citizens.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Home Energy Assist-  
5       ance Targeted for Seniors Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7       The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of  
8       1981 (42 U.S.C. 8621 et seq.) is amended—

1 (1) in the heading of title XXVI, by inserting  
2 **“AND SENIOR”** after **“LOW-INCOME”**;

3 (2) in section 2601, by inserting “and Senior”  
4 after “Low-Income”;

5 (3) in section 2603—

6 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (7)  
7 through (11) as paragraphs (8) through (12),  
8 respectively; and

9 (B) by inserting after paragraph (6) the  
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(7) The term ‘low-income household’ includes  
12 a household described in section 2605(b)(2)(C).”;

13 (4) in section 2604(d)(2), by striking “(A) and  
14 (B)” both places it appears and inserting “(A), (B),  
15 and (C)”;

16 (5) in section 2605(b)—

17 (A) in paragraph (2)—

18 (i) by striking “or” at the end of sub-  
19 paragraph (A);

20 (ii) by inserting “or” at the end of  
21 subparagraph (B); and

22 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
23 lowing new subparagraph:

24 “(C) households with incomes which do not  
25 exceed an amount equal to the State median in-

1           come, with at least 50 percent of the household  
2           income attributable to persons who are at least  
3           65 years old;”;

4           (B) in paragraph (5), by striking “clauses  
5           (2)(A) and (2)(B)” and inserting “subpara-  
6           graphs (A), (B), and (C) of paragraph (2)”;  
7           and

8           (C) in paragraph (8), by striking “clause  
9           (2)(B)” and inserting “subparagraphs (B) or  
10          (C) of paragraph (2)”;

11          (6) in section 2607A(b), by inserting “and sen-  
12          ior” after “to the low-income”; and

13          (7) in section 2607B(a)—

14           (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and  
15           senior” after “low-income”; and

16           (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “fami-  
17           lies” and inserting “households”.

18 **SEC. 3. CONFORMING REFERENCES.**

19          Any reference in Federal law or regulations to the  
20          Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 or to  
21          the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program shall  
22          be deemed to be a reference to the Low-Income and Senior  
23          Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 or to the Low-In-

- 1 come and Senior Home Energy Assistance program, as
- 2 appropriate.

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